FACTS ABOUT THE PFIZER COVID-19 VACCINE FOR CHILDREN 12 TO 15 YEARS OLD



The COVID-19 vaccine is now available for children and young teens. Only the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is currently authorized for children under age 18. Just like vaccinations for illnesses such as measles and mumps, the COVID-19 vaccine protects your child against a disease (coronavirus) that is preventable. Children are not immune to COVID-19. In total, 1.5 million cases have been reported in children ages 11 to 17 in the U.S. The COVID-19 vaccine is their best protection from the disease. Vaccination will also give kids the chance to get back to the classroom in person, something that contributes to the well-being of all children. Here are some important vaccine details that parents should know:

THE COVID-19 VACCINE IS SAFE FOR CHILDREN

- A clinical trial involving more than 2,000 children and young teens (12 to 15 years old) showed that the vaccine is 100% effective and is well tolerated. No cases of COVID-19 were found among children who received the vaccine.
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- It is especially important to vaccinate children with underlying health conditions as well as those who live with others (both older and younger) who have them.
- No loss of fertility has been reported among the millions of people who have already received any of the vaccines approved for emergency use, and there is no evidence that it can lead to that.
- COVID-19 vaccines can now be given with other pediatric vaccines. Consider getting your child's vaccine when you schedule their well visit.

MINIMAL SIDE EFFECTS WERE REPORTED

- Children in the clinical trial produced strong antibody responses and no serious side effects.
- The most common side effects were fever, fatigue, headache, chills, muscle or joint pain, or soreness or redness at the injection site, similar to the side effects for adults who have been vaccinated.



· Side effects typically went away in one to three days and were more common after the second dose.

THE VACCINE IS RECOMMENDED IN TWO DOSES, THREE WEEKS APART



FREE VACCINES ARE AVAILABLE STATEWIDE

- Pediatricians, pharmacies, Division of Public Health Clinics, and some hospital and Federally Qualified Health Centers have Pfizer available to vaccinate your child.
- Visit de.gov/youthvaccine for more information. Walk-ins are welcome at all DPH clinics.



FOLLOW PROTECTION RECOMMENDATIONS AFTER VACCINATION



Maintain social distancing by keeping 6 feet or more apart.



Wear a face covering over your mouth and nose, and don't share masks.



Wash or sanitize your hands frequently.

FOR COVID-19 Visit de.gov/covidvaccine, call 1-833-643-1715, email vaccine@delaware.gov, UPDATES: and follow the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) on social media.